

Via e-mail to Ms. Jeffcoat-Sacco and Mr. Fahn



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**RE: Certification – Tesoro: Four Eyes Station to Poker Jim Station Pipeline Modifications
(Case No. PU-553-96-406)**

Dear Sirs and Madame:

In accordance with North Dakota Century Code 49-22-03(3), this correspondence is to notify the North Dakota Public Service Commission ("Commission") that Tesoro High Plains Pipeline Company LLC ("Tesoro") intends to make certain modifications to its existing pipeline in a segment known as the "Four Eyes Station to Poker Jim Station 8-inch pipeline" in Billings County, North Dakota¹. Tesoro intends to replace the current piping which crosses the Little Missouri River with a deeply-bored pipeline crossing in order to avoid potential damage to the newly-exposed (due to 2011 local flooding) pipeline due to river scouring or floating debris. Tesoro refers to this work as the Little Missouri waterway boring project ("Project"). Tesoro submits this revised Certification subsequent to discussions with Commission staff.

Tesoro certifies that Project construction is restricted to the geographic location in which previous construction took place, inside of its permitted right-of-way, approximately 250 feet from the river bank on either side. Tesoro certifies that Project construction activities will not affect any known exclusion or avoidance area, as defined in the North Dakota Administration code 69-06-08-02. Also, Tesoro certifies that it will comply with all the requirements of other agencies having jurisdiction over any phase of construction described herein.

Tesoro requests that the Commission acknowledge receipt of the attached Certification. Tesoro appreciates the time and attention provided to this matter by the Commission and its staff. Please

¹ The Four Eyes Station to Poker Jim Station 8-inch pipeline segment, itemized as "Segment C" in the original case, was issued Route Permit No. 80 and Corridor Certificate No. 71, in the name of Texaco Pipeline, Inc. in Case No. PU-553-96-406, filed September 13, 1996.

contact Bernie Frieh, Manager of Environmental Compliance at 210-626-6465 should the Commission require further information.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Grimmer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ralph J. Grimmer
Vice President, Logistics

Att: Certification

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BEXAR

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT PURSUANT TO ND CENTURY CODE 49-22-03(3)

Tesoro High Plains Pipeline Company LLC

I, Ralph J. Grimmer, a duly authorized agent of Tesoro High Plains Pipeline Company LLC ("Tesoro"), having the authority to act on behalf of and bind Tesoro, do hereby certify under oath:

1. That Tesoro possesses Certificate of Corridor Compatibility Number 71 and Route Permit Certificate Number 80, issued by the North Dakota Public Service Commission for its existing pipeline in a segment known as the "Four Eyes Station to Poker Jim Station 8-inch pipeline", specified as Segment C in the original Case No. PU-553-96-406, in Billings County, North Dakota.

2. That the construction activities are restricted to the geographical location and within the right-of-way boundaries near, but not impacting, the Little Missouri River crossing;

3. That no additional lands have been acquired adjacent to the existing Tesoro facilities;

4. That construction activities do not affect any known exclusion or avoidance area; and

5. That Tesoro complies with all conditions of the siting laws and rules and the Commission Order previously issued for any part of this pipeline.

Signed this 15th day of November, 2011, in San Antonio, Texas

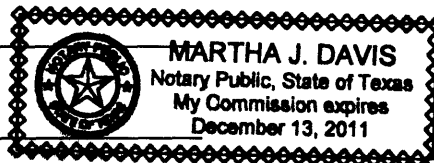


Ralph J. Grimmer

This instrument was acknowledged before me this 15th day of November, 2011, by Ralph J. Grimmer on behalf of Tesoro.

Sign: Martha J. Davis

Print: Martha J. Davis



Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My Commission Expires: Dec 13, 2011